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SUBJECT: GREEK AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 4 CALL ON HARTMAN

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1. ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN APRIL 4 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DRAFT EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND BITSIOS. ALEXANDRAKIS REFERRED TO LETTER FROM BITSIOS TO THE SECRETARY DELIVERED HERE EVENING APRIL 3 IN WHICH BITSIOS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR US UNDERSTANDING OF GREEK REQUIREMENTS ON THE TEXT OF THE EXCHANGE.

ALEXANDRAKIS REVIEWED THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S DRAFT REPLY TO BITSIOS (REFTEL) SUGGESTING SOME CHANGES THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN REFERENCE TO US OPPOSITION TO MISUSE OF DEFENSE SUPPLIES TO TURKEY AND TO EITHER SIDE'S

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SEEKING MILITARY SOLUTIONS IN THE AEGEAN.

HARTMAN TOOK NOTE OF THESE SUGGESTIONS AND HE SAID HE WOULD SEE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, FURTHER COULD BE DONE TO

MEET THE GREEK REQUEST. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE US COULD NOT IN AN EXCHANGE OF THIS SORT GIVE A SECURITY COMMITMENT TO GREECE.

2. ALEXANDRAKIS ARGUED THAT IN PARA. 3 (A) OF THE SECRETARY'S DRAFT REPLY THE WORD "SAME" SHOULD BE USED IN PLACE OF "SIMILAR". IN SECTION B OF THAT PARA. HE SAID THE GREEK GOVERNMENT VERY MUCH NEEDED AN EXPLICIT LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE. HE REFERRED TO THE REQUEST OF APRIL 2 THAT A LEVEL OF 800 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 4-YEAR PERIOD BE INCLUDED IN THE EXCHANGE.

3. IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THIS, HARTMAN SUGGESTED THAT RATHER THAN EXCHANGE LETTERS WHEN BITSIOS CAME TO WASHINGTON HE AND THE SECRETARY COULD AGREE ON A SHORT SET OF PRINCIPLES DESCRIBING THE KIND OF U.S. FACILITIES AGREEMENT THAT LATER WOULD BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. A PROJECTED LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE COULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS FRAMEWORK. BITSIOS AND THE SECRETARY COULD ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT OR COMMUNIQUE DURING THE VISIT WHICH WOULD REFER TO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND INCLUDE LANGUAGE ON THE AEGEAN AND CYPRUS AS ENVISAGED IN THE DRAFT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY COULD APPROPRIATELY BE MADE BY OUR SPOKESMAN IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE PRESS.

4. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID HE THOUGHT THESE WERE USEFUL SUGGESTIONS WHICH HE WOULD PUT TO HIS MINISTER. IT WAS AGREED THAT ON APRIL 5 HARTMAN WOULD PROVIDE HIM WITH SOME SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON US FACILITIES IN GREECE. AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON THIS FRAMEWORK DURING THE COURSE OF THE WEEK, AND BITSIOS COULD THEREAFTER COME TO WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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